

VERMONT
Workforce Development Council
Executive Committee
Monday, June 12

NOTES

Membership - The latest list was reviewed and agreed to. Chip reported that he has meet with all the potential new business members and they are very interested in the Council. In addition to the names we have it was agreed that we should seek a superintendent and more representation from the Southern counties. Chip will prepare a preliminary memo to send to the Governor's office with the current list to see if they have any input before we send the final recommendations.

Vision Statement - Chip reported that he has checked with Mike Quinn on the latest version of the Vision Statement and that he agrees with it as written. That finalizes that step in our process. Thanks to everyone who participated. The next step will be to develop an action plan.

Vt. Business Roundtable Workforce report - Chip was asked to contact Lisa Ventress to see how their report is coming and if we could provide any assistance.

Sector Selection Criteria - The sector selection criteria sheet was reviewed and finalized with an edit to time 5). It will now read "5) Degree to which it is essential to the State's policy objectives." It was agreed that this is intended as a guide for decision making and not a binding document. **Progress on forming NGA Sector Group**

Next Full Council Mtg. Planning - Chip initiated a discussion about the next full Council meeting. We have a new law, new members and a new vision to build on. We have innovative programs such as the H1B's and the NSF as well as successful projects under the VTP and WETF that could be highlighted. It was a greed that this needs to perform two functions; first it needs to inform the members about the work and responsibilities of the Council, and second, it should provide ample time for discussion and input from the members. Some topics we might address would be; How workforce training can build middleclass jobs, How do we gain acceptance for the idea that college entry and job entry now require the same skills? How do we educate students and workers about where the economy is going and how to build a career? How should we define the roles of the key providers?

- 1) What should be the role of public education in preparing the State's workforce?
 - 2) What should be the role of continuing education/postsecondary programs in preparing the State's workforce? (this group includes college offerings outside their regular degree programs, adult programs at the tech centers, the Vt Training program, the WETF, and private providers like Knowledgewave, Vt. HiTec, and industry programs like the AGC sponsored programs.
 - 3) What should be the role of Higher Ed degree-granting programs that have preparation for employment as a primary goal? (i.e. VTC, Champlain or UVM engineering and healthcare)
- Member input on this idea is welcome.

NGA Sector Project - Chip reported that he there is some interest in the Vermont's participation in this project and that he has scheduled a meeting for July 5 at 1:30 in Conference Room D at the Department of Economic Development at National Life. Representatives of DED, DOE, VMEC, and the Governor's office have been invited. All members are welcome to attend. At the meeting we will determine if there is sufficient interest in submitting an application.

Executive Dir. Performance Review - Rick reported that he would have Chip's performance review completed by the end of the month and that he welcomes input from the members.

